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STIMULATION BY POSITIONAL MODIFICATION OF NUCLEOSIDES**

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Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace paragraphs 1 – 3 on page 6 with the following substitute paragraphs:

Figure 1A shows various guanosine modifications used in the study.

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Figures 1B-1 to 1B-4 show preferred embodiments of immunomodulatory moieties according to the invention. Note that the Figures use X3X4 for the 3' side and X1X2